

NLM Orlando...

National meeting this year in Orlando was definitely exciting! The speakers did an amazing job, the Toy Story skit was so hilarious and a lot of fun to watch, and the work shops were totally awesome. Attendees received many new ideas to bring back to their chapters. Disney, Universal Studios, the beaches and the malls were great fun and exceeded everyone's expectations! Even on days when the weather did not hold up, we kept going and we didn't let that stop us from having a great time! On the stormy nights we were even more electrified!

This year Tennessee had the honor to be part of the National Nominating Committee. The Committee's job was to evaluate the candidates at large and reduce the number of talented applicants to only twelve. It was a long procedure that took many hours. We evaluated around thirty applications, ran interviews and scored on individual speeches. I am very grateful to have been apart of this committee and get to see behind the scenes. I want to thank our Tennessee voting delegates. We came together and voted on the candidates that we thought had the best potential to uphold a national office, and fill the shoes of the wonder national officers of 2007-2008. I know that we gave Tennessee a voice this year and a say in the 2008-2009 national officers. We really made a difference!

There was nothing better than to close the national meeting with our very own Tennessee State president, Chelsea, inviting everyone to our home next year for the 2009 national meeting! I really enjoyed my stay at Orlando and hope everyone else had an amazing time also! I hope to see you next year at the National Meeting in Nashville were we will show everyone how to really have a good time right here in our home.

Jesica Skipper, Tennessee Reporter

My time at Nationals 2008 in Orlando, Florida, was so amazing! So many great things happened while we were there! My personal favorite was the Feed the Children event. The totals were announced at the closing general session. Together FCCLA raised 219,237.30 for hungry children all over the world!

I am also very thankful for having such a great state officer team! Within the first few days together at Nationals we became best friends! We worked together to get all our jobs done and we all had great spirit through it all! They are all so much fun and great, hard workers!

While at Nationals we attended our first phase of USA leadership training. It was a blast, playing pass the noodle, singing Hannah Montana songs in our chairs and; most important, learning how to work together as officers not just with our own state but with other states!

I can not wait to continue working with my new best friends from all over Tennessee at camp and of course State Meeting next year!! I would also like to thank the Tennessee delegation for a great national conference! You all did a great job at your competitions and that's why we came home with 18 gold medal winners! Thank you and great job Tennessee!!!

-Samantha Sutherland, Historian

Hey, Tennessee FCCLA! I hope everyone is ready to kick off the 2008-2009 school year with a bang and let your "Excellence be Electrified." The state officers along with a huge Tennessee delegation have just returned from National Leadership Meeting in Orlando, Florida and we are looking forward to a great year. As Vice President, one of my duties at the National Leadership Meeting was to attend the National Membership Network Team Training. This training concentrated on ways to increase FCCLA membership in all states. According to the information I was

given, in 2007-2008 Tennessee ranked 7th in the U.S. with a total of 11,413 members. We are in the top ten, but our new state officer goal is to be in top five. If all 337 chapters recruit at least 7 new members, our goal would be reached and our membership would increase dramatically. Tennessee's membership has decreased by 768 members since the previous school year. To get a chapter started, the National Headquarters will send you a non-obligation membership kit. The kit will include a calendar with deadlines, meetings, events, and mailings. It will also include a CD along with other valuable information for both advisers and members. If you already have a chapter, the membership kit will be arriving shortly after the beginning of the school year. (If you are a new chapter you may contact Ms. Sandy at the state office for your kit.) Keep your eyes on the lookout for the kit and get your members excited about a new year with Tennessee FCCLA. **Tia Crabtree, Vice President**

For those of you who missed Nationals, you missed a great time. Besides seeing Disney World and Sea World, I also got the chance to see thousands of young leaders at work. I especially enjoyed USA Leadership Training and State Presidents Training. I encourage all of you that have ever considered participating in a Star Event or running for state office to work toward those goals because it could possibly lead you to being able to attend Nationals. I gave the invitation speech the last day of the conference to the entire delegation encouraging everyone to attend the National Leadership Conference next year in Nashville, and of course I hope to see you all there, too.

Chelsea Robinson Tennessee State President

